

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application. The present status of each claim is indicated in parentheses following the claim number. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

138. (Previously Presented) A clear aqueous solution comprising;

(i) a first material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble bile acid salt, a bile acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;

(ii) a second material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble starch conversion product and/or an aqueous soluble non-starch polysaccharide; and

(iii) water,

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values of the solution within a selected range of pH values.

139. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the solution is selected from the group consisting of a syrup and a thick syrup.

140. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138, wherein the bile acid portion of said first material is selected from the group consisting of ursodeoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, cholic acid, hyodeoxycholic acid, deoxycholic acid, 7-oxolithocholic acid, lithocholic acid,

iododeoxycholic acid, iocholic acid,  
tauroursodeoxycholic acid, taurochenodeoxycholic  
acid, taurodeoxycycholic acid, glyoursodeoxycholic  
acid, taurocholic acid, and glycocholic acid.

141. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138,  
wherein the second material is selected from the  
group consisting of maltodextrin, dextrin, corn  
syrup, corn syrup solid, soluble starch, and  
dextrans.
142. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138,  
wherein the solution comprises one or more  
additional bile acid salts and amine-conjugated bile  
acids conjugated by an amide linkage.
143. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138  
further comprising an agent having anti-inflammatory  
activity.
144. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138  
further comprising an agent having analgesic  
activity.
145. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138  
further comprising an agent having anticonvulsant  
activity.
146. (Currently Amended) The solution of Claim 138  
further comprising an agent ~~having~~capable of  
prolonging survival time in hypoxic conditions.
147. (Previously Presented) The solution of Claim 138  
further comprising an agent capable of alleviating

or ameliorating a condition selected from the group  
consisting of stomatitis, gingivoglossitis and  
toothache.

148. (Previously Presented) A clear aqueous solution comprising:

- (a) a first material selected from the group consisting of an ursodeoxycholic acid salt, an ursodeoxycholic acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;
- (b) a second material which is maltodextrin; and
- (c) water,

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values of the solution within a selected range of pH values and wherein the weight ratio of the second material to the first material is about 25:1.

149-151. (Canceled)